

**REMARKS**

The Office Action dated June 17, 2004 has been reviewed and carefully considered. Claims 10-12 remain pending, of which the independent claims remain 10 and 12. Claims 10 and 11 have been amended. Reconsideration of the above-identified application, as amended and in view of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 10 and 11 stand rejected under non-statutory double patenting over claim 7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,741,078, (hereinafter "Overweg patent") to the current inventor, Overweg.

As suggested by the Examiner, a terminal disclaimer is enclosed. Accordingly, it is believed that the instant basis for rejection and its validity are moot.

Claim 12 stands rejected under non-statutory double patenting over claim 9 of the Overweg patent.

The instant basis for rejection and its merit are likewise deemed to be moot, in view of the enclosed terminal disclaimer.

Claim 11 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for indefiniteness.

Claim 11 has now been amended in a manner believed to make moot the present basis for rejection, and to emphasize an aspect of what the applicant regards to be the invention.

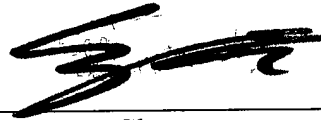
Support for the amendment of claim 11 is found in original claims 1 and 4 and in the original, unamended specification (page 2, lines 10-14; page 4, lines 1-7 and particularly lines 5-7; line 22: "further"; page 4, line 27 to page 5, line 7 and particularly line 33: "at least"; page 8, lines 18-24).

Claim 10, from which claim 11, depends has been amended for clarity.  
Support for the amendment of claim 10 is found in original claims 1 and 4 and in the original specification unamended (page 4, lines 1-7).

For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all the present claims are patentable in view of the cited references. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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